

FINANCIAL CRISIS HANGING OVER SCHOOLS

Amount Allowed for School Maintenance Lacks \$31,000 of Being Enough.

Like Banquo's ghost, the financial clouds that have enveloped the school board in a series of hazy months past, made the first visit for the 1910-11 season at the meeting of the board at the Mesa school Monday night. As a result a strong effort is to be made to arrange a joint meeting of the school board and city council, and a stronger effort is to be made by the school board to secure an appropriation considerably in excess of \$125,000, allowed by Mayor Kelly's budget.

Briefly explained, it is like this: The estimated cost of operating expenses for 1910-11 is a little more than \$125,000. The appropriation allowed by the city is \$125,000. Revenue to be derived from state taxes is estimated at \$46,000, rather than \$51,000, as it was at first thought would be received. This gives the school board \$181,000 to meet estimated expenses of \$125,000.

Incidentally, another bugaboo to be a school director, is the fact that the Rio Grande Valley Bank and Trust company holds school overdrafts on which the interest for the past three months amounts to \$1675. A statement for that amount was read at the meeting Monday night, but no action was taken.

An effort will be made to arrange the meeting with the city council before the council session Thursday, as school board directors state it is absolutely imperative that more funds be allowed for the schools. As the tax levy has been announced at \$1.90 and part of the tax receipts printed, it is not probable that the levy will be increased, but it is said an effort will be made to secure a reduction of other funds or to draw on the additional taxes that will be collected, as a result of the increased valuation of the city.

Superintendent's Report.
The meeting opened with the reading of the report of N. E. Crozier, superintendent, which recites that the attendance during November shows a decrease of 176, compared with 1909.

The report follows:
"The enrollment is gradually climbing up and from the figures herewith given you will note that while last month we were 216 behind last year's enrollment, this report shows that we are now 176 behind."

| | 1909-10 | 1910-11, Inc. Dec. |
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| High | 245 | 286 |
| Alamo | 554 | 504 |
| Aoy | 849 | 781 |
| Beall | 557 | 528 |
| Franklin | 157 | 172 |
| Highland Park | 151 | 162 |
| Lamar | 591 | 556 |
| Mesa | 602 | 545 |
| San Jacinto | 523 | 455 |
| Sunset | 245 | 212 |
| Vilas | 146 | 223 |
| Total (white) | 4721 | 4567 |
| Douglas (Col.) | 248 | 226 |

Total 4969 4793 176
Tuition has been collected and turned over to the treasurer as follows:
High \$ 40.75
Lamar 36.35
Mesa 18.90
Sundown 21.50
Total \$109.10
Previous \$125.00

Grand total \$359.25
"It is my policy to visit each building once every two weeks or oftener if possible. I am able to report as the result of my observations that the school work is progressing satisfactorily. Teachers and principals are working harmoniously."

"If the members of the board will visit the schools more often, I feel sure that their calls will be appreciated. You will undoubtedly do much in this way to encourage the best efforts of the schools. I extend a cordial invitation to each of you to accompany me on my rounds. By so doing a more friendly relation will exist between the school authorities and the teachers, and the members of the board will also gain a better insight into the needs of the schools."

Improving Playgrounds.
"Complaints from many of the principals are frequent that the playgrounds around some of the schools are little more than sand heaps. To realize what a nuisance this is, you need only visit the buildings during play periods. Many of the principals, aided by their teachers, have raised funds to beautify their buildings with pictures and plants."

DECLARES HATTIE LE BLANC WAS MADE A WHITE SLAVE
Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 13.—The evidence upon which a jury will convict or acquit Hattie LeBlanc of the murder of Clarence F. Glover, was completed yesterday afternoon. Then M. M. Johnson, leading counsel for the girl, made the opening plea for her life.

The young lawyer said that the girl was brought from the provinces solely for the "white slave" traffic and then, turning to Mrs. Lillian M. Glover, who induced her to leave her home, Mr. Johnson denounced the widow as a dangerous, cruel, humiliating and unnecessary.

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SHOT FOR REFUSING TO GIVE UP DOLLAR

Tom Fulton Is Murderously
Attacked by Negro Near
Ysleta.

Shot while tramping to Vernon, Tex., to spend Christmas, Tom Fulton, a 25-year-old white man was brought to the county hospital from Ysleta Tuesday morning in a critical condition and is not expected to recover.

In company with an unknown negro, Fulton is said to have left El Paso to go to Vernon, where he is thought to have relatives. Fulton had \$9 on his person, but the negro knew of only \$1 that he had. Demanding this, he shot the white man when he refused to give up the money.

Fulton was found at Apodaca crossing, one mile west of Ysleta, and was taken to Ysleta for medical attention. His wound was dressed by Dr. White, of Ysleta. The shot struck him in the hip and pierced the intestines, causing a wound that is thought to be fatal.

The negro entered down the valley and is now being searched for by a posse of officers who went out from Ysleta soon after the shooting occurred.

Fulton is from Dripping Springs, Tex., near Austin, and left El Paso Monday with the intention of tramping to Vernon.

MAD DOG ATTACKS FOURYEAROLD BOY

Little Son of E. L. DeShazo
Bitten—Dog Dies With
Rabies.

Bitten on the hand by a dog which died a day later with a pronounced case of rabies, Donald, the four-year-old son of E. L. DeShazo, has been sent to the Pasteur institute in this city for preventive treatment.

The child was bitten Sunday by a dog which followed a negro girl into the yard at the DeShazo home, corner of Park avenue and Boulevard, in Grand View addition. The mad dog also bit a puppy belonging to Mr. DeShazo, which will be killed as a safeguard.

After biting the child, the dog was kept tied up and kept in the neighborhood. It developed unmistakable evidence of hydrophobia and died in a short time in convulsions.

It is not known whether the dog bit other dogs in the neighborhood, but a close watch will be kept on all dogs of the community for signs of rabies.

GOV. MILLS TALKS FOR CONSTITUTION

Artesia, N. M., Dec. 13.—Governor Mills and adjutant general Brooks on their visit to Artesia to inspect company C, were met at the train by an escort from the company and the committee from the Commercial club and breakfasted at the hotel. A large business house was followed by an auto ride to some of the Artesia wells in this vicinity. At the public reception at the Commercial club the governor gave a talk to a large audience and lauding the people and the possibilities of the Pecos valley, he urged the adoption of the proposed constitution. A banquet was given the governor and adjutant general at the Commercial hotel, after which company C was inspected. The party went from here to Roswell.

The entire stock of the Artesia Furniture company has been purchased by Owen McClary, who has managed the company for several years.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Reed celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary at their residence. A large number of guests were present. A mock marriage of the host and hostess was a part of the entertainment. Refreshments were served.

An interesting debate over the proposed constitution for a religious census of the county was held at the Baptist church in Artesia. Judges S. E. Ferree and J. H. Jackson supported the constitution and editor Whelan and Judge J. C. Davis opposed it. The principal objection urged against the constitution was the provision of the initiative, direct primaries and the secret ballot. It is generally conceded that the Pecos valley will have the adoption of the proposed constitution.

MITCHELL GETS LOANED AND LANDS IN CHILLY ST. PAUL

Actors are much like ball players; they are loaned out for a season or a part of it and then brought in when they are needed. Such was the fate of Earle Mitchell, of El Paso, who has signed up with the Shuberts. Early in this season he was loaned to the Plaza Music Hall company of New York and last week he was recalled and opened in the new Shubert-Brady production, "Baby Mine," replacing Otis Harlan, who was cast for the principal role in "The Italian Prince."

Mitchell is now in Minnesota, and though he says it is colder than orthodox charity in St. Paul, yet he seems to have received a warm reception and is making good in the principal comedy part.

MRS. JOHNSON'S APPOINTMENT.

Mrs. Cone Johnson, who governor O. H. Colquitt has reappointed a member of the board of regents of the Agricultural school at Denton, Texas, is a sister of Marion Robertson, of 504 Upson avenue, El Paso.

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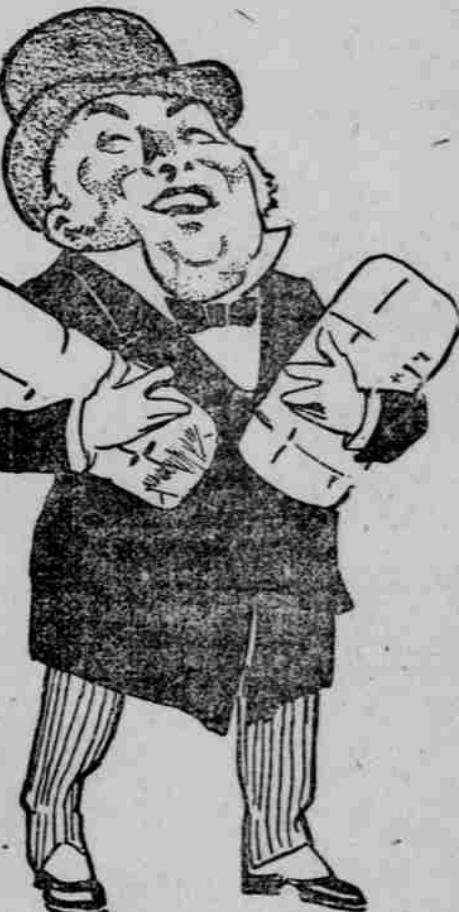
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MAKE BIG COPPER FIND IN NACAZARI

Bisbee Extension Decides to
Resume Work Janu-
ary 1.

Bisbee, Ariz., Dec. 13.—A telegram was received by president Alexander of the Nacozari Consolidated company stating that a three foot vein of copper ore was opened up while development work was in progress in a tunnel through the property.

After a thorough examination of the property, the stockholders of the Bisbee Extension Development company have decided to resume work by January 1, employing a larger mining force than before. Arrangements were made for the purchase of machinery. Though final decision was not made, the name of the company will soon be changed to Bisbee Extension Mining company.

Negotiations are being carried on by the proprietors of the "35" mine in New Mexico with the local firm of Bowen & Hubbard for freightage ore to the railroad.

Wm. Pettifer, superintendent of the La Corona Mining property, which is owned by Bisbee people, has issued a report showing that the shaft which was started about a month ago is all in high grade silver ore. Assays have shown \$53 in silver and good values in lead. Pettifer says that after having gone through a body of about 80 percent galena, the lead is found in smaller quantity, while the silver values have considerably increased.

WILL WORK OWEN GROUP OF MINES

Silver City Men Take Over
Property Under Lease
and Option.

Silver City, N. M., Dec. 13.—Baylor Polk and Charles Lee have this week taken an option and lease upon the group of mining claims owned by Patrick Bowen, an old time prospector, and expect to start the work of developing the property by January 1. The group comprises the Wolf Tone, Maid of Erin, Cunnamara, Bowen, Star of the West and Last Chance mines, and is situated in the Bear Mountain mining district, about 12 miles northwest of this city. The owner has spent several years in developing the group and has demonstrated the value of the property.

The lessees will continue to sink the shaft, located on the principal mine of the group, to an additional depth and will then run drifts on the ore body. The lease provides for 10 percent royalty, monthly payments and the final payment to be made January 1, 1913. A considerable force of men will be employed.

COLE TAKES CHARGE OF RAY CO. JAN. 1

Phoenix, Ariz., Dec. 13.—The Ray Consolidated smelter at Ray, will be blown in about February 15, according to Daniel G. Jackling, vice president and general manager, who is here and who also says that David Cole will assume the management of the company on January 1.

Mr. Cole has been with the Greene Cananea company, at Cananea, Sonora, Mexico, and succeeds to a position newly created.

About 1500 men are now employed on the Ray property, 1100 being employed at Ray and the other 400 at Hayden, where the smelter is being finished.

ADAMS STRIKE IS RICH IN GOLD ORE

Yuma, Ariz., Dec. 13.—The Adams gold strike in the Castle Dome mountains, 28 miles from Dome station and 40 miles from Yuma, looks like one of the best gold strikes in the southwest.

Amos Adams and W. C. Brewitt have sold a one-half interest in the mine to the Sutter-Huffman-Johnson syndicate for \$125,000. The property will be incorporated under the name of the Big Eye Gold Mining company and will immediately commence development work.

CULBERSON FIGHTING NEW MEXICO'S BOUNDARY CLAIM

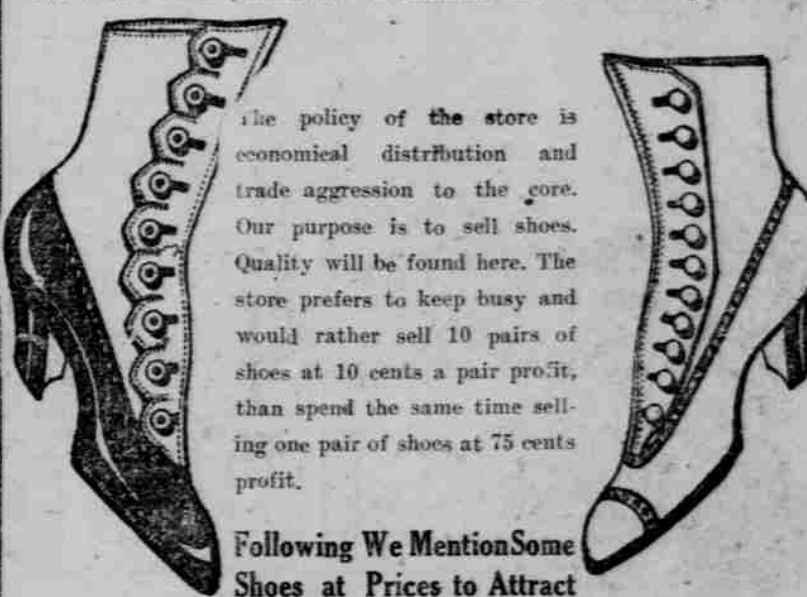
Washington, D. C., Dec. 13.—The unusual course of declaring null and void a portion of a state constitution introduced by senator Culberson, of Texas, attacking the provision in the constitution of New Mexico, which undertakes to change the boundary line between New Mexico and Texas.

The resolution provides for the complete annulment of the provision.

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SAYS ORE WILL RUN \$10,000 GOLD TO TON

Phoenix, Ariz., Dec. 13.—Mose Houck has brought in some samples of gold ore from his mine on Cave Creek and claims that it will run \$10,000 to the ton.

STURVEY OF LOTS RESUMED; CLOUDCROFT HAS BALL GAME

Cloudcroft, N. M., Dec. 13.—Survey of Stansberry is again in Cloudcroft to complete the interrupted work, begun in September, of laying off 200 lots in South Cloudcroft.

The baseball team from the Mayhill school met the Cloudcroft team at Cloudcroft park to play a matched game. In spite of disadvantages on both sides and of the fact that neither team has played before spectators, a very good game was played, resulting in Cloudcroft's favor. The return game is to be played at Mayhill, the seventh of January.

A number of the boys stayed over night to attend a dance at Union hall, given in their honor.—A thoroughly good time was enjoyed by all.

A box supper was given at the school house for the purpose of procuring funds for purchasing new books for the library. A good time was enjoyed by all present, and a good sum was realized.

It has been decided to hold Sunday school services in the afternoon this week. The owner has spent several years in developing the group and has demonstrated the value of the property.

Misses Jasper and Cavender, who are teaching at Mayhill, came up to accompany the baseball players and to see the game.

COMPTON SPEAKS IN BEHALF OF THE NEW CONSTITUTION

Portales, N. M., Dec. 13.—Judge C. M. Compton, Democratic delegate to the constitutional convention, addressed the people in Portales in behalf of the constitution, urging its acceptance.

Rev. Mr. Fiedler, of Texas, accompanied the protracted meeting at the Baptist church Sunday night. The other churches are taking part.

E. P. Aldridge and Ben Smith, who accompanied the Roosevelt county exhibit to the Chicago Land show, made interesting talks at the court-house Monday night, in which they told of their experiences in the Windy City. The benevolent association met Monday afternoon in the Methodist church. Much interest is being manifested in the work and much good accomplished.

The bazaar given by the women's aid of the Christian church was a success. The gross receipts amounted to nearly \$100.

Dr. Hugh Crouse, who was operated on for appendicitis and complications, is now able to be back at his home from the hospital and will leave this week for Aransas Pass, Texas, to recuperate. Mrs. Crouse and baby will accompany him. Dr. Crouse's aged mother is visiting him at his home.

THE SWINE ON THE FLOWER? Ah! I saw a huge and loathsome sty. Whence a drove of wallowing swine were barred; Whose banquet shocked the nostril and the eye; Then spoke a voice, "Behold the source of lard!" I fled, and saw a field that seemed at first One glistening mass of roses pure and white; With dewy buds 'mid dark green foliage nursed; And, as I lingered o'er the lovely sight, The summer breeze, that cooled that Southern scene, Whispered, "Behold the source of COTTLENE!"

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